REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-42 are pending in the application, that claims 24-35 are rejected, and that claims 1-23 and 36-42 are allowed. By this response, claims 24-35 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1-23 and 36-42 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C., §101

Claims 24-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants herein cancel claims 24-35 in order to expedite allowance of issued claims and to await direction from the U.S. Supreme Court in *In re Bilski* on patentable subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of claims 24-35 in one or more continuation, divisional and/or continuation-in-part patent applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-23 and 36-42 are allowed.

Prior Art Made of Record and Not Relied Upon

The Applicant notes the prior art made of record but not relied upon and asserts that for the reasons set forth above, the claims are allowable over the art made of record.

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CONCLUSION

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview before issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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